

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

Resolution on *Early Grade Release to Students Who Have Completed Their Course Evaluations*

03-18/19-FAC – October 30, 2018 – Second Reading

RESOLVED: That the University Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the President that the Registrar's Office establishes a *Grade Release Date*, which will be one calendar week after grades are due (typically the Wednesday following finals week); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Registrar's Office implement a process such that students who have completed *all* of their Online Course Evaluations for a given term will be able to access their grades as soon as they are certified by the Registrar's Office, which would likely be 48 - 72 hours earlier than the *Grade Release Date*; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this process be in place no later than the fall 2019 term; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a report on the efficacy of this process be submitted to the University Senate by the Faculty Affairs Committee during the fall 2020 term.

RATIONALE: *Currently, HSU students are able to access their most recent semester's grades as soon as the Registrar's Office certifies them. Though it is commendable that students have access to their grades as soon as possible, there is no established date at which they will have this access, but instead depends on when faculty submit their grades and how quickly the Registrar's Office can certify them. Thus, students who wish to have access to their grades must log into their Student Center repeatedly until their grades have posted. This resolution establishes a Grade Release Date so that there will no longer be uncertainty as to when grades are available.*

This resolution also creates a process by which students may access their grades earlier than the Grade Release Date by completing all of their Online Course Evaluations. Several of our sister CSU campuses, have successfully employed a similar policy in order to increase course evaluation response rates. By working with those campuses' Registrar and Information Technology staff, there should be minimal cost to HSU to employ such a process.

Finally, this resolution requires an assessment of its success and a report to the Senate by the Faculty Affairs Committee.